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**PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION**

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**PETITION FOR INVESTIGATION OF QUESTION CONCERNING REPRESENTATION**☐ Amended Petition in Case \_\_\_\_\_Instructions: [www.perc.wa.gov/Forms/E-1-inst.pdf](http://www.perc.wa.gov/Forms/E-1-inst.pdf) Applicable Rules: Chapters 10-08, 391-08 and 391-25 WAC.

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RELATIONS COMMISSION**1. PARTIES** The petitioner claims that a question concerning representation exists involving certain employees of the employer named below.**EMPLOYER** Port of Bellingham**CONTACT PERSON** Larry Boone -HR Administrator**ADDRESS** PO Box 1677**CITY, STATE, ZIP** Bellingham, WA, 98227**TELEPHONE** 360.676.2500 ext. \_\_\_\_\_**FAX** 360.676.2500**E-MAIL** info@portofbellingham.com**ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE****ADDRESS****CITY, STATE, ZIP****TELEPHONE****FAX****E-MAIL****PETITIONER** IAFF Local 106 B'ham/Whatcom Co. Firefighters**CONTACT PERSON** Robert A. Wilson**ADDRESS** PO Box 1024**CITY, STATE, ZIP** Bellingham, WA, 98227**TELEPHONE** 360.224.4989 ext. \_\_\_\_\_**FAX** 360.933.1144**E-MAIL** wilson98232@msn.com**ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE**

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**CITY, STATE, ZIP** Seattle, WA 98119-1330**TELEPHONE** 206.281.1770 ext. \_\_\_\_\_**FAX** 206.281.1772**E-MAIL** askalbania@aol.com**INCUMBENT BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE** Indicate one.☐

The parties are not currently represented for bargaining; OR

☐

The employees involved are currently represented by the organization below:

**ORGANIZATION** IAFF Local 3266, B'ham Airport Firefighters**CONTACT PERSON** Dennis Partlow**ADDRESS** 10011 Benson Lane**CITY, STATE, ZIP** Lynden, WA 98264-1792**TELEPHONE** 360.318.1792 ext. \_\_\_\_\_**FAX****E-MAIL****ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE**

Alex Skalbania

**ADDRESS** Same as above**CITY, STATE, ZIP****TELEPHONE****FAX****E-MAIL****2. DESIGNATION OF REQUEST** Indicate one.☐**RECOGNITION REQUEST** The petitioner requests certification as exclusive representative of the bargaining unit.☐**CHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVE** The employees in the bargaining unit desire to designate the petitioner as their exclusive bargaining representative.☐**DECERTIFICATION** The employees in the bargaining unit no longer wish to be represented by any employee organization.☐**EMPLOYER PETITION - DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION** The employer has been presented with one or more demands for recognition (per attached documentation) and requests a determination by the Commission.☐**EMPLOYER PETITION - INCUMBENCY QUESTIONED** The employer has a good faith belief (per attached documentation) that a majority of employees no longer desire to representation by the incumbent bargaining representative.**4. OTHER RELEVANT FACTS** Indicate one.☒ Additional information is set forth on separate sheets of paper attached to this petition.**5. SHOWING OF INTEREST**

A petition filed by an organization or employees must be accompanied by a showing of interest indicating that the petitioner has the support of 30% or more of the employees in the bargaining unit.

**3. BARGAINING UNIT****EMPLOYER'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS**

Port District

**DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION INVOLVED**

Bellingham Airport Fire Dept.

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT** Indicate one.☐ The parties have never had a contract; OR☒ A copy of the parties' current (or most recent) collective bargaining agreement is attached.**NUMBER OF****EMPLOYEES****IN UNIT** 9**DESCRIPTION** Indicate inclusions, exclusions, contract page or case/decision number.

IAFF Local 3266, Bellingham Airport Firefighters have elected, by a majority of its members, to merge with all Whatcom County Union Firefighters from 6 different agencies and 7 bargaining units into IAFF Local 106 Bellingham/Whatcom County Firefighters.

**6. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR PETITIONER****PRINT NAME**

ROBERT A. WILSON

**TITLE** IAFF Local 106 President**SIGNATURE**

[Signature]

**DATE** 05/29/09



## Bellingham Fire Fighters

2009 Jan-1 Local #1065  
P.O. Box 1024, Bellingham, Washington 98227



Mr. Larry Boone  
Human Resources Administrator  
Port of Bellingham  
PO Box 1677  
Bellingham, WA  
98227

May 29, 2009

Dear Mr. Boone ,

I am happy to announce that the Represented Firefighters of the Bellingham Airport elected to merge with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 106 Bellingham/Whatcom County Firefighters. Local 106 has a long history representing Firefighters dating back to 1918.

The new combined Local 106 will represent all Union Professional Firefighters in Whatcom County. Representing Firefighters from Bellingham Airport, North Whatcom Fire and Rescue, Lynden Fire, Fire District 4, Fire District 8, and Bellingham Fire.

We have filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) a change of representative Form E-1 and we expect approval from the IAFF to merge at the June 18, 2009 Executive Board Meeting.

Local 106 anticipates the merger to be official on July 1, 2009.

The Bargaining Unit Representative for Bellingham Airport will continue to be Dennis Partlow.

We look forward to working together with You and the Port of Bellingham providing quality Fire and EMS service to the patrons of Bellingham Airport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert A. Wilson', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Robert A. Wilson  
President  
IAFF Local 106  
Bellingham/Whatcom County  
Firefighters  
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Bellingham Fire Fighters

Local #106

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From IAFF Local 106 - Rob Wilson President

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Of Representative For

3 BANGORING UNITS:

PONT OF BELLINGHAM - FIRE FIGHTERS

NORTH WINTCOM FIRE & RESCUE

CITY OF LYNDEN - FIRE FIGHTERS